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There's an old saying which I'm sure you've heard that whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. That is apropos of a letter which I have here signed Lester J. Marier, executive secretary to the chairman and the president of the Westinghouse Corporation, and it's on Westinghouse Corporation stationary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is addressed to Mrs. Allen Cox, Los Angeles 24, California, and the letter reads as follows:

> Dear Mrs. Cox: I have for reply your letter addressed to the attention of the board of directors of this company with regard to Mr. Gwilym Price's association with the Crusade for Freedom. I'm glad to have the opportunity to discuss this matter with you. I naturally regret that you have apparently accepted as gospel truth the tripe which Fulton Lewis, Jr., has seen fit to write in his newspaper column and say over his radio program about the Crusade for Freedom. I enclose for your information two pieces of literature regarding the Crusade for Freedom which I hope you will do me and yourself the favor of reading.
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> As is indicated therein, the Crusade has the strong support not only of President Eisenhower and the numerous prominent industrial leaders of the country, whose names you will find therein, but of the 76 social, fraternal, religious, veteran and labor organizations mentioned, representative of every segment of the American population. I ask you, Mrs. Cox, do you suppose that the President of the United States, the other individuals named constituting a major segment of the industrial backbone of this country, and these 76 patriotic and God-fearing organizations would lend their endorsement, their support, and their dollars to a "discredited" organization? Do you believe that this endorsement, this support, is given blindly? Do you believe, Mrs. Cox, that Fulton Lewis, Jr., is better informed that the President of the United States and his advisers on foreign affairs on what is best for our country? Have you ever asked yourself why not a single reputable columnist or commentator has joined with Fulton Lewis in his attempt to discredit the Crusade? Do you know that the only support Lewis has received for his attacks has come from Communist Russia. Why?

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Certainly it is your privilege to place your confidence in whomever you wish. Personally, I prefer to place my trust in the people who are directly responsible for the welfare and security of our country rather than in a washed-up third-rate columnist who, with total disregard for the accuracy of his statements by inference, innuendo, half truth, and misrepresentation is frantically striving to attract attention with the sole objective of bringing himself to the attention of an audience greater than the relatively meager one he enjoys at the present time.

Very truly yours, Lester J. Marier, executive secretary to the chairman and the president.

That's me you've been hearing about. Mrs. Cox, the recipient of the letter, forwarded it to me with the following note: "Dear Mr. Lewis: Enclosed is a letter I received from Westinghouse. Can you help me with a reply? Please return the letter unless you care to use it. Thank you. I have implicit faith in you. Sincerely, Bernice Cox." I have talked to her by telephone late this afternoon to ask her whether she's a Westinghouse stockholder perhaps. She said, no, she's just a consumer, who wrote in to express the opinion that Mr. Gwilym Price's connections with the Crusade for Freedom are hardly doing the Westinghouse name any good, and this is what she drew in return.

By way of answering the specific questions in the letter as requested by Mrs. Cox, the answers are these. Yes, I do suppose that the President of the United States and the other individuals named and the 76 patriotic and God-fearing organizations would lend their endorsement, their support, and their dollars to a discredited organization because they're doing it in this case. The Crusade for Freedom has been specifically disapproved by the National Information Agency which leading corporations all over the nation have set up as a clearing house for fund-raising organizations, and it reports that the Crusade for Freedom fails to meet its minimum acceptable standards. The reason they do lend their support and their dollars is that up until the present time they just didn't know the facts, these people, and that includes the President of the United States. So yes, I do believe that this endorsement, this support, is given blindly.

As for the third question, Fulton Lewis, Jr., may not be better informed than the President of the United States and his advisers on what is best for our country, but he is much better

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informed on the subject of the real operations of Radio Free Europe for which the Crusade is raising its money because he has spent many months in a most intensive study of it, and the others have just taken the word of interested parties. The reason no other columnist or commentators have taken up the story is that few of them have access to the material which I have, none of them really, although, some of them have taken it up. National Review Magazine has, so has the Washington news letter, Human Events. No, I don't know that the only support Lewis has for his attacks has been from Communist Russia because that is a stupid, reckless, irresponsible untruth.

We have received the largest single mail response from this series of stories that I can ever remember in any similar case over the past 20 years, and I could count the critical letters in them out of all these thousands on the fingers of one hand. Furthermore, there have been extensive reprints of columns and broadcasts in newspapers all over the world as well as this country, congratulatory messages, and resolutions and commendations, and two committees of the Congress are right now preparing to go into the whole subject as they went into the Fund for the Republic two and a half years ago and corroborated every detail of what I reported to you in that case.

In any event, I thought you'd be interested in the manner in which Mr. Gwilym Price reacts when a potential customer of Westinghouse products writes in to ask just how come. It suddenly becomes a highly personal matter, when actually it's not a personal matter at all. I have merely been trying to get the facts on the record, perform a public service by letting you, the public, know what's going on in the basement which nobody seems to want to face up to. The good working people in Radio Free Europe and the organization know what's going on, however, and they're thoroughly disgusted. I'll have more news for you in just one minute.

No answer as yet to my telephone call to General Jerry Persons at the White House. This is the second day I can't find out anything at all about the reported visit to the White House of Lt. Gen. Willis Crittenberger, president of the Free Europe Committee. General Persons must be awfully busy but I'll keep trying and keep reporting to you.

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